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To whom it may concern:

Problems in the westside of Fresno County need to be resolved politically, economically, and justifiably feasible. This process can be done if we concentrate on the issues that are at hand, namely the demand for water, environment, water quality, water banking, ground water drafting, storage, recycled water, and land retirement.

To revise the San Luis Drain plumbing would resolve many of the problems that now exist.

Control sedimentation that interferes with irrigation water deliveries from the Mendota Pool.

Control the Panoche and Silver Creek contaminated flood waters with the San Luis Drain plumbing.

Help resolve the problems with contaminated flood waters that enter the Mendota Pool that are used by the four entities, Firebaugh Canal Irrigation District, Central California Irrigation District, James Irrigation District, and Poso Irrigation District.

Bring back the social economics of rural communities that have a 30% unemployment, at times even higher.

We need to retire more land that will accommodate wildlife habitat, ag related industry, and flood control by way of percolation. Land retirement of about 8,320 acres, Some 13 sections, we can salvage 5/3 sections, S.D. plumbing. This 8,320 ac \times 3 ac.ft. of water per acre of land is 24,960 ac.ft. that could be applied elsewhere.

Any questions
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